

AUGUST 2000

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ANOTHER BUSY MONTH AT GEE'S

Gigs continue on Thursday nights at Gee's in Sandgate with JO HOOK (August 3rd), PEPPERFISH (August 10th), ORANGE STREET and NEBRASKA (August 17th), SUNFLY (August 24th), CIPHER and EIN STEIFEN (August 31st) and BEAMER (September 7th).

JO HOOK is due to release her album "Inside Out" soon and plays with what has been described as hard-hitting folk-tinged sound. She has played many venues around the UK, Europe and the USA delivering honesty and humour to her sets which have included live performances at Glastonbury, Earth Spirit Camp and The Big Green Gathering festivals. She was also winner of the University of Kent Battle of the Bands in 1999 (a year in which she also supported both Cast and Suzanne Vega) and a runner up in the Invicta Radio Talent Quest. DJ Fez from UKC Radio even hosted a Jo Hook Week.

PEPPERFISH will also be performing songs from their forthcoming debut album and, like JO HOOK, will be performing as a band at Gee's. ORANGE STREET are one of the area's more established bands and will be supported by NEBRASKA, while some of you may have seen the laid-back SUNFLY one the opening Thursday night at Gee's last month when the seven-piece attracted a good turn out. Things get a bit heavier the following week with CIPHER and EIN STEIFEN.

BEAMER start things off in September with a re-arranged date after they were forced to cancel last month when MARGO'S LANDED stepped in at the last minute to save the day.

EMBRACE RETURN TO THE LEAS

EMBRACE have announced plans to return to the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone for a Hallowe'en gig on Tuesday October 31st. The band previously sold out the venue in September 1998.

The Leas Cliff Hall re-opens on October 4th and has a series of tribute bands lined up: there's ABBA tribute band VOULEZ VOUS on October 9th, a MADNESS Tribute Band on October 12th and a TINA TURNER/ROD STEWART Tribute Act on October 24th.

Local acts INDIGO SEAL, PARKER and BEAMER play the Leas on Saturday December 30th.

You can call the Box Office on 01303 253193.

THE PROPHETS OF POP IN LONDON

THE PROPHETS OF POP return to London for another date at the Half Moon in Putney on Tuesday August 1st and the Water Rats in King's Cross on Friday September 4th. Coach details are available from Rick on 01303 266336.

RYE FESTIVAL

The Rye Festival takes place between September 2-17 featuring a varied programme of music, film, drama, literature and visual arts.

The Grand Opening takes place on Saturday September 2nd from noon-4pm at the Town Salts, with an imaginative assembly of colour and spectacle featuring the Mayor, Town Crier, the magical Heliosphere (as seen in the Millennium Dome), the Inside Out Theatre Co, the Hastings Community Circus and the Gamelan Orchestra.

On the evening of September 2nd the folk-rock band THE BUSHBURYYS play the Rye Community Centre. They've played over 150 festivals throughout Europe and their 'rootsy' sound is said to be reminiscent of The Waterboys. Tickets are £6 (£5 with concessions).

Award-winning singer/songwriter/poet FELICITY BUIRSKI is at the Lower Gungarden of Ypres Inn on Thursday September 7th, with PETER KNIGHT, the fiddle player of Steeleye Span. Admission is again £6.

Steeleye Span vocalist MADDY PRIOR performs with friends at the Thomas Peacocke Community College on Saturday September 9th. Maddy has performed over the years with June Tabor, Mike Oldfield and Status Quo and has found her perfect musical partners in Nick Holland (keyboards) and Troy Donockley (uilleann pipes, guitars, cittern and whistle). Her latest album "Ravenchild" draws on material from not only English and Scottish, but also Native American tradition. Admission is £10 (£8 concessions).

Cuban-born American acoustic guitarist ISAAC GUILLORY is at the Rye Treasury on Tuesday September 12th. He's recorded with artists as diverse as Joan Baez, Mick Jagger, Donovan, Elkie Brooks, Barbara Dickson, Al Stewart and Trevor Horn. He's described as a musician's musician whose unique style and technology defy categorisation. Admission is £6 (concessions £5).

There is a 24-hour Festival Line on 01797 224442 and the Festival Box Office is c/o Phillips and Stubbs at 47 Cinque Ports Street, Rye, East Sussex TN31 7AN. Callers are welcome between 10am-2pm Mondays to Saturdays from August 14th.

For further details of all the events, visit the Festival website at www.ryefestival.co.uk

INTENSIFIED IN MARGATE

Traditional ska/reggae/rocksteady band INTENSIFIED follow up last month's appearances at Folkestone's Charivari and Ashford's Create festivals with another outdoor concert. You can see them at the bottom of the Old High Street in Margate on Saturday August 19th.

Contact 9 Gainsborough Close, Folkestone, Kent CT19 5NB

AUGUST GIG GUIDE

TUES AUG 1st

THE PROPHETS OF POP
Half Moon, Putney

THUR AUG 3rd

JO HOOK
Gee's, Sandgate

THE SELECTER
The Crypt, Hastings

FRI AUG 4th

PEPPERFISH
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

CAMINE
Ivy House, Canterbury

"The Big Mix Up"
HERESY
Union Bar, Maidstone

SAT AUG 5th

JESTER
Happy Frenchman Folkestone

A BAND CALLED SUN
Harp Club, Folkestone

"Club Orange"
TRACKING FARRAGO
Union Bar, Maidstone

TUES AUG 8th

CAMINE
Casey's, Canterbury

THUR AUG 10th

PEPPERFISH
Gee's, Sandgate

CAMINE
Neptune, Whitstable

Punk Nite
ONE DAY ELIOT
Union Bar, Maidstone

FRI AUG 11th

"The Big Mix Up"
MOOKIE
Union Bar, Maidstone

JO COOL
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

SAT AUG 12th

MOOKIE
The Crypt, Hastings

INERTIA
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

"Club Orange"
HEADSTRONG
Union Bar, Maidstone

TOKOMON
Flood Appeal at
Red Cow, Folkestone 2pm

TUES AUG 15th

JOHN PEARSON
Broadstairs Folk Festival
"In Concert"

WED AUG 16th

JOHN PEARSON
Broadstairs Folk Festival
"Pub Session"

THUR AUG 17th

ORANGE STREET,
NEBRASKA
Gee's, Sandgate

FRI AUG 18th

"The Big Mix Up"
5th AMENDMENT
Union Bar, Maidstone

SAT AUG 19th

INTENSIFIED
Old High Street, Margate 2pm

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HOT DOG
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

"Club Orange"
Union Bar, Maidstone

FOLKESTONE CARNIVAL

THUR AUG 24th

SUNFLY
Gee's, Sandgate

FRI AUG 25th

"The Big Mix Up"
DARK STAR,
TRACKING FARRAGO
Union Bar, Maidstone

SILKA
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

JOHN PEARSON'S
BLUES & BEYOND
Café Pissarro's, Hastings

SAT AUG 26th

"Club Orange"
DR GONZO and
SILVER PRODUCTION
Union Bar, Maidstone

FIFTH ELEMENT
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

WED AUG 30th

BONEY M
The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

THUR AUG 31st

CIPHER,
EIN STEIFEN
Gee's, Sandgate

Hellfire Metal Nite
Union Bar, Maidstone

FRI SEP 1st

ONE DAY ELLIOT
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

"The Big Mix Up"
DJ CHARLY CHEEBA
Union Bar, Maidstone

SAT SEP 2nd

MAD HATTERS
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

THE BUSHBURYS
Rye Community Centre
* Part of the Rye Festival *

"Club Orange"
Union Bar, Maidstone

THUR SEP 7th

BEAMER
Gee's, Sandgate

FELICITY BUIRSKI,
PETER KNIGHT
Lower Gungarden
At Ypres Inn, Rye
* Part of the Rye Festival *

FRI SEP 8th

THE PROPHETS OF POP
Water Rats, King's Cross, London

"The Big Mix Up"
DUST BYTE
Union Bar, Maidstone

FOLSKA
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

SAT SEP 9th

KENT SKA FESTIVAL
Beacon Court, Gillingham
* Call Porky on 01474 361073 *

MADDY PRIOR & FRIENDS
Thomas Peacocke Community College, Rye
* Part of the Rye Festival *

TUES SEP 12th

ISAAC GUILLORY
The Rye Treasury
* Part of the Rye Festival *

THUR SEP 14th

GODBABY,
LE GRAND
Gee's, Sandgate

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FRI SEP 15th

INTENSIFIED

Stripes Club at Folkestone Invicta F.C.
* 10th anniversary party *

"The Big Mix Up"

ANGRY DOLPHIN
Union Bar, Maidstone

JESTER

Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

SAT SEP 16th

BAM BAM

Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

SAT SEP 23rd

SHINER

Oasthouse, Rainham

SUN SEP 24th

SHINER

Who'd a Thought It
Grafty Green, nr Lenham

THUR SEP 28th

BJORN AGAIN

Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells

FRI SEP 29th

BJORN AGAIN

Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells

WHAT'S ON AT THE UNION BAR AND THE CRYPT

MOOKIE play the Union Bar in Maidstone on Friday August 11th and the Crypt in Hastings on Saturday August 12th to promote their debut album which should be available by now in local record stores and through the Peoplesound.com website. The four-piece formed in 1999 and have since built up a strong local following. To find out more, you can E-mail them at mookie.world@virgin.net

DUST BYTE are a four-piece from the north-east of England who are playing the Union Bar on Friday September 8th. With a sound that has been labelled as 'Newrock' and 'quirky', only time will tell what that really means. Their debut EP "Butterbox Babies" was joyously received by Kerrang. Influences are said to include PJ Harvey, Beck and The Stooges.

Catch them at the Union Bar and see what this 'newrock quirkiness' is really all about. You may love it, you may be indifferent or you may hate it...but at least you will know.

For further details of what's on at the Union Bar over the coming weeks, see the Gig Guide above.

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SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST

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FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST

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Hot Dog

FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST

Silka

SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST

Fifth Element

FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

One Day Elliot

SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

Mad Hatters

FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

Folska


FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

Jester

SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

Bam Bam

Christchurch Road, Folkestone
Tel 01303 259815



JO HOOK
Thursday August 3rd

PEPPERFISH
Thursday August 10th

**ORANGE STREET
+ NEBRASKA**
Thursday August 17th

SUNFLY
Thursday August 24th

**CIPHER +
EIN STEIFEN**
Thursday August 31st

BEAMER
Thursday September 7th

**GODBABY
+ LE GRAND**
Thursday September 14th

Admission FREE Happy Hour 7pm-8pm

JOHN PEARSON'S BLUES & BEYOND

Liverpool-born, Dover-based blues musician JOHN PEARSON formed a trio seven years ago with NANA TSIOBE and JEAN TURPIN.

The idea was to open up the music and to give more room to improvise. And it worked pretty much from the word go. At last PEARSON had found his way around the 'orthodoxy' of the bass and the drums route to collaborating with other players and getting a 'bigger' sound. He had also been working at the time as duo with KENNY CRADDOCK and – after a break of several years – resumed a musical partnership with his brother GEORGE PEARSON.

The result is JOHN PEARSON'S BLUES & BEYOND and their album "Rhythm Oil". The album was recorded in two days and completed in six. It's all first takes – just as they played it and you can hear the live feel in the music if you let the "Rhythm Oil" soak in as you listen. The players are these:

JOHN PEARSON (vocals/6 & 12 string guitar): JP plays in the tradition of early blues players who are his inspiration. He has worked and performed with Alexis Korner, Davey Graham, Jo Anne Kelly, Rory Gallagher, Louisiana Red, Sonny Terry & Brownie McGee to name a few. His radio and TV appearances include the Jools Holland Show, the first Alexis Korner Memorial Tribute video and album and live radio sessions across Europe. "Rhythm Oil" is John's fifth album, following on from "Grashoppers In My Pillow" (1996), "Busy Bootin'" (1992, with ROGER HUBBARD and nominated as Best Blues Album of the year), "Streamline Train" (1990) and "Drive My Blues Away" (1989). The last two titles are now deleted.

JEM TURPIN (harmonica & vocals): JT joined a blues band in St Louis, USA, playing around the area during the 1980s. On returning to England he worked clubs with Kenny Craddock, Jon Cleary and Roger Hubbard to name but a few. He plays in many styles from old country blues, Chicago, R and B and Latin – they can all be heard in Jem's playing. He is a founder member – with brother Louis – of the TURPIN BROTHERS BAND. They have released two albums, "Love and Passion" (1994) and "Life After Lunch" (1997).

NANA TSIOBE (djembe/percussion/vocals): Master percussionist NANA TSIOBE is currently one of the most celebrated percussionists in Africa and is

a member of the Master Drummers. His collaborations include Dudu Pukwana, Mongezi Feza, Chris McGregor. His Drum Circle collaboration with Lation and Indian percussionists Boscoe D'Oliveria and Ansuman Biswas fuses infectious African folk rhythms with buoyant Asian raga beats and dazzling Latin samba to create a unique "worldbeat". NT has released an album of his ten-piece big beat band called Asem Ni/Trouble Dat (1996). He is currently working on a new album.

GEORGE PEARSON (fretless bass): GP has worked with Alexis Korner, Sonny Terry & Brownie McGhee, Gordon Smith and brother John amongst others. He is currently one half of Sonny Black's rhythm section The Dukes.

They are currently working on a follow up to their 1998 album "Free Spirit". "As a unit The Dukes are peerless – making the quartet a top drawer dynamic combo. The rhythm section extraordinary for a British group is a funky swinging thing which gets the grooves and accents just right – while guitar and piano ride on their rhythmic wave."

KENNY CRADDOCK (mandolin/accordion/keyboards): KC's experience and prodigious musical talent cover too much ground to detail here. They include a long time collaboration with Alan Hull and Lindisfarne on both solo and band projects and tours. He has also recorded and toured extensively with Paul Brady and Gerry Rafferty and toured the USA with Mary Black. Musical Director and keyboard player with Van Morrison, he co-wrote a song for his "Too Long in Exile" album. Kenny has production and session credits for the first (1989) and second (1995) BUICK 6 albums and JOHN PEARSON's three previous albums listed above. He is currently working on his own solo album projects.

JOHN PEARSON appears at the Broadstairs Folk Festival on both Tuesday August 15th (In Concert) and Wednesday August 16th (Pub Session). For further details about the festival contact 01843 604080 or E-mail: info@folk-week.demon.co.uk

JOHN PEARSON'S BLUES & BEYOND play at Café Pissarro's at South Terrace in Hastings on Friday August 25th.

"Rhythm Oil" is available for £12 (including p&p) from Last Days Recordings, PO Box 128, Dover, Kent CT16 2SX. Cheques are payable to John Pearson.

E-mail: johnpearsonblues@yahoo.com

YMWBB GOES ON-LINE

You can view "Your Mornings Will Be Brighter" on the internet at <http://www.angelfire.com/zine/ymwbb>

And the people doing it are on the look for new bands they can help to promote on <http://www.unsignedbands.org.uk>. Band on the site at the moment include Bind, The Elements, Elusive, Pornocop and Beamer, with links to the sites of Uncool Frank, Cipher and Glass Elevator. And, no doubt, the site will be full of the recent re-formation of Ein Steifen.

You can Email them at bigboysrealaudio@hotmail.com. There is also a link to BURBS (British Underground Rock Bands) at <http://www.burbs.co.uk> which has a directory of current bands doing the rounds. On the weekend of August 5, BURBS will be hosting a competition to choose the best track of the above bands.



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